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SUBJECT: SECTION 620(N) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT

REF: A) STATE 28330; B)STATE 043433

SUMMARY: AS FRANCE DOES NOT RECEIVE THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE OUTLINED IN SECTION 620(N) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, WE DO NOT PERCEIVE ANY ADVANTAGE IN DRAWING ITS CONTINUED APPLICABILITY TO THE ATTENTION OF GOF OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY

1. FRANCE MAY FALL UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE SUBJECT ACT. FRANCE, FOR EXAMPLE, SOLD 2.4 MILLION FRANCS WORTH OF GOOD TO NVN IN 1973. FURTHERMORE, A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT FOR FRENCH AID OF 100 MILLION FRANCS TO HANOI WAS SIGNED IN PARIS DECEMBER 21, 1973. (A SIMILAR AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE WITH SVN.)

2. REGARDING ASSISTANCE THAT COULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM FRANCE IN EVENT OF ITS NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DEMARCHE SUGGESTED IN REF (A), THERE APPEARS TO BE NONE. REF (B) MAKES IT CLEAR THAT EXIM BANK CREDITS ARE NOT CONSIDERED ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE MEANING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF SECTION 620(N). SUCH EXIM CREDITS ARE OF IMPORTANCE TO THE

US AND FRANCE. GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT MILITARY SALES TO FRANCE ARE ON A CASH BASIS OR CONSIST OF COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN WHICH THERE IS NO EXCHANGE OF FUNDS; NEITHER US CREDITS NOR GRANT AID IS GIVEN TO FRANCE. NO US GOVERNMENT PROGRAM CALLING FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO FRANCE EXISTS; NOR ARE WE AWARE OF ANY SALES BEING MADE TO FRANCE UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954.

3. THEREFORE, AS THE US HAS NO ASSISTANCE TO WITHDRAW FROM FRANCE AS CALLED FOR IN SECTION 620(N), IT IS DOUBTFUL FRANCE WILL CEASE TRADING WITH NVN OR ABROGATE ITS DECEMBER PROTOCOL AS A RESULT OF DEMARCHE SUGGESTED IN REFTEL (A). THUS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE GRATUITOUS TO MAKE SUCH A DEMARCHE TO THE GOF AND DO NOT INTEND TO DO SO UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY BY THE DEPARTMENT.
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